



**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF OHIO COUNTY, WEST
VIRGINIA**

**IN RE: TOBACCO LITIGATION
(Individual Personal Injury Cases)**

CIVIL ACTION NO. 00-C-5000

THIS DOCUMENT APPLIES TO ALL CASES

ORDER ASSIGNING JUDGES AND SCHEDULING STATUS CONFERENCE

On October 17, 2017, Chief Justice Allen H. Loughry II entered an Administrative Order relieving the Honorable Arthur M. Recht of his assignment as a senior status judge in *In Re: Tobacco Litigation*, Ohio County Civil Action No. 00-C-5000, and ordering the Mass Litigation Panel to assign an active judge or judges to preside over and expedite the resolution of these cases.

As required by Trial Court Rule 26.07(a), the Panel Chair, with the advice and consent of the Panel, assigns the following judges to the Tobacco Litigation or proceedings therein:

Lead Presiding Judge	The Honorable Jack Alsop
Presiding Judge	The Honorable Alan D. Moats
Presiding Judge	The Honorable John A. Hutchison
Lead Resolution Judge	The Honorable Booker T. Stephens
Resolution Judge	The Honorable Jay M. Hoke

To the extent possible, appropriate measures shall be adopted to insure uniformity of decisions, including the requirement that all pretrial dispositive motions be decided by a majority of the Presiding Judges assigned to preside in the Tobacco Litigation or proceedings therein.

The Panel **ORDERS** a Status and Scheduling Conference in the Tobacco Litigation at **9:00 a.m. on December 14, 2017**, in **Courtroom Four**, also known as the Ceremonial Courtroom, on the Second Floor of the Kanawha County Courthouse, at 409 Virginia Street, East, in **Charleston, West Virginia** in regards to the Liggett Cases, followed immediately thereafter by a hearing regarding the Smokeless Tobacco Cases, and any remaining issues regarding resolution of the Phase II cases claiming failure to instruct regarding cigarettes with ventilated filters. The Panel judges assigned to the Tobacco Litigation will preside. All counsel of record

and any self-represented parties are **ORDERED** to attend and shall be prepared to discuss:

1. Status of pretrial discovery;
3. Status of pending motions;
5. Trial schedule;
6. Status of prior mediation and/or settlement negotiations; and
7. Any other matters relative to expedition of these cases.

It is so **ORDERED**.

ENTER: October 24, 2017.

/s/ Alan D. Moats
Chair, Mass Litigation Panel